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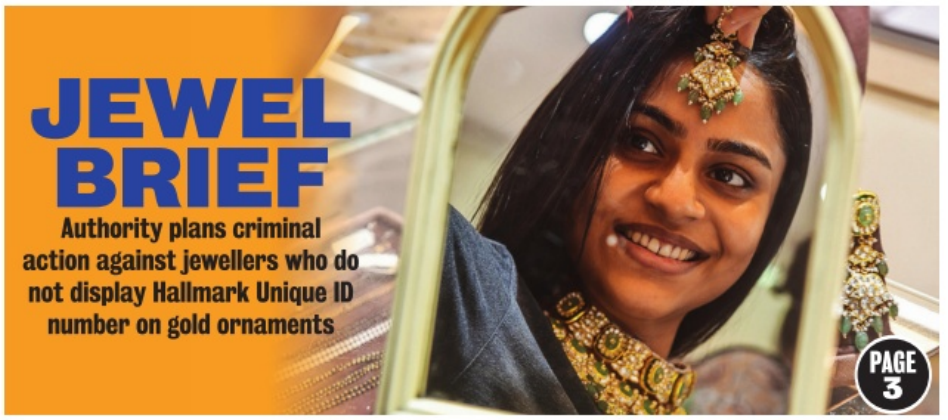

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PAPER-PUSHERS AT SUB-REGISTRARS' OFFICE

Citizens point to several instances of land encroachment and fraud

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There is no dearth of frauds at sub-registrar offices in the city despite sub-registrars being empowered to act against those responsible for making false statements or producing false documents at the time of registering sale deeds. The irony is that not many sub-registrars are even aware of the Sections 82 and 83 of the Registration Act 1908 that empowers them to take stringent action against those responsible for frauds pertaining to registration of properties.

Producing a false copy or a translation of a document or false copy of a map or plan is punishable with an imprisonment for a term which may extend to seven years or with a fine, or with both. However, most of the sub-registrars focus on registering as many as sale deeds and are not interested in scrutinising the documents due to the reasons best known to them.

"I am not aware of the Inspector General of Stamps and Registration sending a circular to the sub-registrars recently on delegating power to the sub-registrars to punish those responsible for submitting fraud documents at the time of registration of properties. I am on medical leave. You can enquire with other sub-registrars," a sub-registrar BM spoke to told us.

"We expect sub registrars to follow this order and take actions against fraudulent registrations and initiate actions as per section 82 and 83 to file criminal cases against the frauds in police stations

— Dhananjaya Padmanabhachar, Sanchalak, Karnataka Home Buyers Forum

District Registrar, Jayanagar, told BM she was aware of the Sections 82 and 83 of the Registration Act 1908. "A circular was issued on this during the tenure of Bharath Lal Meena. I have taken action against those responsible for producing fake documents. I wrote to higher

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Flyover, just make it double

Feasibility study to explore 4 more double decker flyovers for city

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Work on the first double-decker flyover is over and it awaits official inauguration, but plans are already under way to conduct a feasibility study for the construction of four more double-decker flyovers. These flyovers will feature a unique two-tier structure accommodating both road transport and metro services.

The study aims to assess the technical and financial feasibility of implementing these ambitious projects, which are poised to enhance urban mobility and integrate multi-modal transport solutions across Bengaluru.

Sources said that the government is exploring several solutions, including metro flyovers, double-decker roads, and elevated corridors. A feasibility study for double-decker roads has already been initiated, with bids invited from private firms.

For this purpose, the Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) has engaged a private company to conduct a feasibility study on expanding the metro rail network to Tumakuru, investigating the viability of constructing an elevated corridor from Bengaluru to Tumakuru.

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2 THINGS TO DO

01 Satirical comedy

Treat yourself to a comedy drama this weekend. Hear the various dialects of Kannada language alongside melodious music while watching Vikasam's 'Pukkate Salahe' (Free Suggestion), directed by Ashok B, and written by famous comic writer H Dundiraj. It is a humorous satire on a television show that claims to solve problems using astrology and helps callers from all over the state. **Where: The Indian Institute of World Culture, Basavanagudi; When: July 14, 7 pm**

02 Story-telling act

Get immersed in an interactive, story-telling-play 'Crabby,' that is all about working together for a cause and saving the environment. Written and directed by S Surendranath and enacted by the BEFU theatre, the play is ideal for children aged 5 to 7 years. Watch Crabbby and Storky, enemies turned friends, as they come together to rescue their pond from the townspeople who would keep throwing garbage in it. **Where: Ranga Shankara, JP Nagar; When: July 13, 7:30 pm**

'Narayana's Success Odyssey' organised for its shining stars

Narayana Educational Institutions organised "Narayana's Success Odyssey" at the MILR Convention Centre in Whitefield. The event, attended by nearly 1,000 students and parents from Narayana schools across Bengaluru, featured a discussion.

Akash Vukoti, a child prodigy and USA Spelling Bee finalist, joined Narayana's top achievers of 2024 in JEE, NEET, KCET, and board exams. Puneet Kothapa, President of Narayana Educational Institutions, highlighted the institution's commitment to nurturing talent. During the event, Akash offered perspectives from his international experience, while Narayana's top achievers shared their strategies and journeys. Sam Joseph, who secured All India Rank 1 by scoring 720 in the NEET, emphasised staying calm and persistent.

Legal setback on K'taka's wildlife trophy surrender

After backlash, HC stays state govt's notification that demanded those in possession of wildlife animal artefacts return them by specified time

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The Karnataka High Court has stayed the state government's Wildlife (Protection and Surrender of undeclared wildlife or animal article, trophy, or uncured trophy) (Karnataka) Rules, 2024. While the order was earlier stayed for two petitioners, the entire notification has now been stayed.

In January, the state government introduced the rule, ordering residents and organisations to hand over undeclared wildlife trophies to the government, with the deadline set for April. It was also said that those who failed to return their undeclared trophies would have to undergo punishment. On the other hand, the notification was severely criticised by residents and political leaders, especially from Kodagu, as wildlife trophies are a significant portion of the cultural celebrations. The district wages a strong opposition against the rule as several temples and residences are home to wildlife trophies that have been passed on from generation to generation.

Two residents, Pattanda Ranji Poonacha and Kodimaniyanda Kuttappa, had approached the HC opposing the notification. Advocate K Somanna, who argued on their behalf, had managed to get a stay order against the two petitioners having to return their wildlife trophies. Now, the entire notification has been stayed, and further hearings on the case are set to happen on July 24.

There was much opposition from Kodagu as the district is home to wildlife trophies passed on over generations

According to the Wildlife Protection Act of 1972 and the recent amendments made by the central government in 2022, illegal stocking, trade, etc of wildlife articles is a punishable offence. Previously, a similar 30-day window was opened under the Wildlife (Conservation) (Karnataka Rules) in 1973 and thereafter in 2003 for 180 days to obtain a certificate of possession of wildlife items. Additionally, a similar opportunity was yet again extended by the state government through a notification in January this year, allowing citizens to surrender undeclared wildlife or animal articles in their possession.

The scheme was announced on January 10, after the state government realised that some people might still have such artefacts due to a lack of awareness of the laws, and the window was closed on April 9. However, the response to this scheme was lukewarm. According to the Karnataka Forest Department, less than a hundred declarations were made in the three-month window. The Karnataka Forest Minister, Eshwar B Khandre, in a meeting with Union Environment Minister Bhupendra Yadav recently requested another window for surrendering undeclared wildlife or animal articles in Karnataka.

HC halts IIM-B probe

The High Court has, by interim order, stayed the operation of an inquiry committee constituted by the Indian Institute of Management Bangalore (IIM-B) to probe allegations of financial impropriety in raising travel claim bills against one of its associate professors.

A single judge bench of Justice BM Shyam Prasad passed the interim order on the petition filed by Gopal Das. "To ensure that there is no precipitation, the operation of the impugned communication dated June 24 [Annexure-D] of the second respondent and consequentially further proceedings by the Committee constituted as indicated therein are stayed until the next date of hearing. There shall be an Emergent Notice returnable within three weeks to the respondents," the court said, while considering all the documents produced.

The petitioner's counsel argued grievance must be examined in the backdrop of the petitioner's complaint about humiliation because of his caste against the director, the dean of the faculty, and one of the members of the Standing Disciplinary Committee. It was emphasised that the petitioner has filed a complaint because he has been repeatedly humiliated and denied promotion, despite being duly qualified with the necessary credentials.

Unforgettable extravaganza of talent, music and much fun

The recently concluded Aakashotsav 2024 proved to be an unforgettable extravaganza, showcasing a spectacular blend of talent, music, and diverse events. The event drew participants and audiences alike from across the region, celebrating the spirit of creativity and innovation. The Thaikkudam Bridge, a rock band with a soundscape built upon elements of folk and classical sounds of India, delivered a captivating performance at the event. The audience responded enthusiastically, showering the band with applause and appreciation. Another highlight of the event was the mesmerising live musical concert by the renowned singer, Sanjith Hegde, whose soulful performance captivated the audience and set the stage on fire. The event was graced by esteemed special guests, Charan Raj and Mthri Iyer, adding to the grandeur of the occasion.

Aakashotsav 2024 featured an array of captivating programmes, ensuring there was something for everyone. From acoustic bands to solo singing, group dancing to beatboxing, the event showcased a diverse range of cultural performances that enthralled the audience. Participants showcased their talents in various competitions, including fashion shows, sketching, and short films, highlighting their creativity and skills. There were a number of interactive activities, like quiz competitions, arm wrestling, and stand-up comedy, that kept the audience entertained and involved throughout the event.

The event also featured unique contests such as Mad-Ads, Treasure Hunt, and Virtual Victory League, fostering a spirit of friendly competition and camaraderie among participants. The organisers said that they were thrilled with the overwhelming response to the event, thereby expressing gratitude to participants, sponsors, and attendees. "It was a celebration of talent, creativity, and community spirit. We look forward to continuing this tradition and bringing more memorable experiences in the future," said an organiser. Overall, Aakashotsav 2024 was not just an event but a platform for budding talents to shine and for audiences to immerse themselves in a vibrant cultural experience.

All that glitters without unique ID is not gold

BIS cracks down on jewellers who don't display HUID number on gold ornaments as per 2023 rule

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Jewellers who fail to display the 'Hallmark Unique Identification' (HUID) number on gold ornaments will face criminal charges. Already, four cases have been registered against jewellers in the state. Since the first week of July, the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) has been conducting raids and taking strict action against non-compliant jewellers. The central government mandated the display of the HUID number on gold ornaments starting from April 2023, but only 70-80 per cent of jewellers have adhered to the rule. BIS is striving to achieve 100 per cent compliance.

To earn customer trust, jewellers must ensure quality and transparency. Failure to do so will significantly impact the industry. Therefore, every ornament must be of high quality and clearly marked. Out of the 80,000 gold jewellery shops in the state, only over 30,000 are authorised, while the rest operate without authorisation. The estimated monthly gold trade in the state is worth 300 crores.

"The purpose of HUID is to ensure the quality of gold ornaments and make the jewellery industry transparent," said Dr B Ramachari, Secretary of the Karnataka State Jewellers Association. The Department of Consumer Affairs highlights that hallmarking of gold jewellery provides third-party assurance to consumers regarding the purity or fineness of the gold. Under the Hallmarking scheme, jewellers receive a certificate of registration to sell Hallmarked jewellery, and Assaying and Hallmarking (A&H) centres are accredited to assay the purity of jewellery submitted by registered jewellers. These centres then apply the Hallmark to jewellery that meets relevant Indian Standards, including declared fineness.

An official noted, "The Hallmarking scheme has been successful, with nearly two crore pieces of jewellery Hallmarked within a short period. Over one lakh jewellers are registered, and more than three lakh pieces of jewellery are Hallmarked daily."

What is Hallmark Unique Identification

The HUID number is a six-digit alphanumeric code assigned to each piece of jewellery during hallmarking, ensuring traceability and addressing purity complaints. HUID is stamped at Assaying & Hallmarking centres, providing each piece with a distinct identity. Mandated in 256 districts with at least one hallmarking centre each, Hallmarked jewellery includes three symbols: the BIS logo, purity and fineness indication, and the HUID. Consumers are advised to inspect all three before purchasing. HUID-based hallmarking automatically registers jewellers without human intervention, ensuring purity and preventing malpractice. It operates securely, posing no data privacy risks. The system enhances transparency, safeguards consumer rights, eliminates inspectorial interference, and allows existing jewellery to be Hallmarked.

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NGT steps in, directs action on lake's sewage problem

Tribunal directs forest department to take action based on report to be submitted by BBMP on Puttenahalli Bird Conservation Reserve

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Sewage from an overflowing stormwater drain breached the lake's western boundary. Despite efforts by the forest department with sandbags, locals removed them, allowing raw sewage into the bird reserve

The National Green Tribunal has instructed Karnataka's Forest, Ecology, and Environment Department to take action regarding the sewage diversion work at Yelahanka Puttenahalli Lake and Bird Conservation Reserve undertaken by the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike.

In its recent order, the tribunal has directed the department to take action based on a detailed project report to be submitted by BBMP.

"It is pertinent to note that in the interest of the conservation of the lake and to prevent further sewage inflow, the present work taken up by BBMP and Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board is essential to save the lake. Correspondence has been initiated with BBMP to halt any additional sewage inflow into the lake. BBMP and BWSSB are currently in the process of preparing and submitting a suitable detailed project report. Necessary action will be taken as per law by the answering department (Environment ministry)," noted the order copy.

Notably, on May 19, the western boundary of the lake was breached and sewage from an overflowing stormwater drain entered the lake. While the forest department used sandbags to block the entry of sewage, this was compromised as the bags were removed by locals, leading to raw sewage entering the bird reserve. On May 20, the Additional Chief Secretary of the Forest, Ecology, and Environment Department, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests of the Karnataka Forest Department, the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife) of the Karnataka Forest Department, and the BBMP Chief Commissioner inspected the lake area. They decided to divert sewage to preserve the lake's water quality and biodiversity. However, Yelahanka-Puttenahalli Lake and Bird Conservation Trust filed an application seeking direction to prohibit BBMP from conducting any activities related to laying pipelines within the lake premises. Nonetheless, BBMP commenced the work without proper approval from KFD and consequently, the work was halted. Subsequently, BWSSB proposed laying down a pipeline to divert sewage to the under-construction Yelahanka wastewater treatment plant. YPL was declared a bird reserve in 2015 under the Wildlife Protection Act, of 1972 to protect its biodiversity. Since then the Karnataka Forest Department has invested over Rs 10 crore in rejuvenation and restoring it. A diversion channel was constructed at the southern boundary of the lake to redirect sewage and enhance lake water quality. Existing sewage in the water body underwent bioremediation treatment, and the treated water was subsequently released. Several measures were implemented to preserve bird diversity and the diversity of aquatic flora and fauna.

> **"Correspondence has been initiated with BBMP to halt any additional sewage inflow into the lake. DPR is yet to submit**
> – As per the order

Whitefield Road cleared, BBMP wins back space for motorists

Authorities remove encroachment with police assistance, woman had blocked road claiming it was private property

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BBMP authorities restoring a portion of the Swami Vivekananda Road at Whitefield

The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP), with assistance from the police, has successfully cleared an encroachment on a road in Whitefield. According to BBMP officials, the encroacher had obstructed Swami Vivekananda Road, asserting it as her private property. The BBMP authorities stated that barricades were used to block public access to the road. "One woman by the name of Pramila Naidu had encroached on the land claiming that it belongs to her," said a BBMP engineer.

Speaking to Bangalore Mirror, Prakash L, vice-chairman of the Mobility Task Force in the Mahadevapura Assembly constituency, discussed the situation. "The individual is invoking a judge's name when the BBMP authorities try to clear the encroachment. It is a public road. We wanted the BBMP authorities to clear the obstruction for the benefit of motorists and the public," said Prakash.

The BBMP engineer stated that the unauthorised occupation was removed under the guidance of Mahadevapura MLA S Manjula Limbavali and local leaders. "Currently, we have used wet mix to fill potholes and ditches caused by obstructions on the road to improve motorist access. Asphalt paving will be done shortly," the BBMP engineer said, adding that the anti-encroachment drive will continue.

Meanwhile, the senior citizen, who wants to be anonymous, has said the BBMP authorities have demolished shops and compound walls without giving notice to her. "I tried to contact the BBMP Chief Commissioner but he did not answer my call. I will approach the court seeking suitable action against the BBMP authorities for trespassing and damaging the compound wall and demolishing the shops," she said.

However, the BBMP engineer has denied demolishing two shops including an eatery and compound wall. "We will remove compound walls and eateries after serving the notice. As of now, we have cleared the encroachment of 30 ft. The actual width of the road is 60 ft but it is reduced to 30 ft due to the encroachment," the BBMP engineer said.

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Debris piles

Brigade Road

The repair work on Brigade Road's footpath has been completed, but the debris remains uncleared, causing waste to accumulate.

Road conditions

Sriramapuram

The deteriorating road on 3rd Cross, Sriramapuram, connecting Sampige Theatre and Rajajinagar, has remained unchanged for months. The reasons for the neglect by the authorities are unknown.

Cattle hazard

JP Nagar

The main road in RBI Layout, JP Nagar 7th Phase, is dangerous for motorists and pedestrians due to the presence of roaming cattle.

Buyers eye Nelamangala amid Metro growth

3.7 km green line extension from Nagasandra to BIEC nears completion with final construction touches underway

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Good news for those planning to move to Nelamangala Road. The green line extension from Nagasandra to the Bangalore International Exhibition Centre (BIEC) may soon open to traffic. This 3.7 km extension, originally set for completion in 2019, faced delays due to land acquisition issues, local protests, and the Covid-19 pandemic. With civil works now complete, final touches are in progress on the Rs 298 crore project.

Extending the Metro network till BIEC will help those planning to buy property in and around Nelamangala. Once considered a peripheral locality, Nelamangala is now on the brink of becoming a prime destination for residential and commercial investments. This transformation is driven by the anticipated boost in connectivity, making the area more accessible and attractive to homebuyers and investors alike. "The extended Metro line is expected to reduce travel time significantly. This improved connectivity is a game-changer for the region. The extension allows me to commute to my city centre office without the hassle of long drives and traffic jams. It's a huge relief for me and my family. This network expansion will likely increase footfall in the area, benefiting local businesses and encouraging new ones to set up shops", said Ramesh Kumar, a property buyer.

On the other hand, real estate developers are enthusiastic about the Metro extension. "The Metro network is a major infrastructure development that will undoubtedly spur real estate growth in Nelamangala. We are already seeing an uptick in inquiries and bookings for our upcoming projects in the area. Developers are planning a range of projects to cater to various segments of buyers. We're focusing on mixed-use developments that combine residential, commercial, and retail spaces to create a self-sustained ecosystem. The Metro extension is expected to drive up property values in Nelamangala. Historical data from other expanded Metro areas in Bengaluru shows a consistent increase in real estate prices. Many are looking to capitalise on the current lower prices, anticipating substantial returns once the Metro becomes operational. Investing in Nelamangala now is like getting in on the ground floor of a skyscraper. The returns are almost guaranteed to be significant," said Vivek Gowda, a real estate investor.

Sources said that the Metro extension is also set to improve the overall lifestyle and amenities in Nelamangala. With better connectivity, residents will have easier access to educational institutions and healthcare facilities. New projects are being designed focused on community living, incorporating green spaces and recreational facilities.

-Prakash VL

Water sharing crisis starts early this year

Monsoon season sparks water-sharing crisis; CM Siddaramaiah calls for all-party meet to protect state's interests amid severe rainfall deficit and low reservoir levels

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A view of the Cauvery River

Usually, the Cauvery water-sharing crisis is seen during summer. However, this year, the monsoon season is already seeing trouble. On Friday, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah announced that the Karnataka government will file an appeal against the decision to release 1 TMC feet of water to Tamil Nadu daily. Following a meeting with experts, the Chief Minister expressed concern over the decision, which was made despite the state's rainfall deficit. He stated that the state has received only 28 per cent of the average rainfall so far, and the water levels in the reservoirs are very low. He mentioned that the Cauvery River Water Management Authority (CWMA) has ordered the release of 1 TMC of water to Tamil Nadu, which is unacceptable to the state government.

Siddaramaiah announced that an all-party meeting will be held on July 14 at 4 pm to discuss the issue. He invited all political parties, Union Ministers, MPs, and MLAs from the state to attend the meeting. He expressed the need for a united stand on the issue, stating that the state's interests must be protected. The Chief Minister mentioned that the state's reservoirs, including Kabini and Biligundlu, have very little water. He stated that the water available in the four reservoirs in the Cauvery basin is only 60 TMC, which is not sufficient to meet the needs of the state's farmers. He expressed concern over the impact of the water shortage on the state's agriculture and economy.

The Chief Minister stated that the water available in the four reservoirs in the Cauvery basin is only 60 TMC, which is not sufficient to meet the needs of the state's farmers

It may be noted that the Cauvery Water Regulation Committee (CWRC) on Thursday directed Karnataka to release 1 TMC (thousand million cubic feet) of water daily to Tamil Nadu starting from July 12 until July 31. This decision was reached after deliberations in New Delhi on Thursday, considering inputs from both states. Currently, the reservoirs Krishna Raja Sagara (KRS), Kabini, Hemavati, and Harangi collectively hold 69 TMC of water. Last year, during the same period, this figure stood at 45 TMC. Excluding dead storage, the available water across these reservoirs totals 52 TMC.

Recent rainfall has contributed to healthy inflows into the reservoirs, albeit decreasing in recent days. Presently, the outflow from KRS reservoir stands at 500 cusecs, with a total outflow, including seepage, amounting to 2,000 cusecs. Additionally, 3000 cusecs of water are being directed from KRS to the Visvesvaraya canal from July 8 to 15. Should the CWRC's recommendation be endorsed and enforced, Karnataka will need to release 1 TMC of water daily, necessitating careful management by the state government to meet drinking, irrigation, and other essential water needs. As of now, KRS holds 17 TMC of water, with 18 TMC available for use, while Kabini has 26 TMC in storage, with 15 TMC available. The collective water available in the four dams totals 52 TMC (excluding dead storage), and a requirement of releasing 20 TMC over the next 20 days has been outlined.

Will sub-registrars use power to tackle fraud?

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authorities on this issue," she said.

However, the public, especially those running from pillar to post seeking justice, are not ready to take the district registrar's claims seriously. For instance, many plots have been encroached upon and have been registered by producing fake documents. "Our ancestors' property at Kothur village of Vijinapura was registered at one of the sub-registrar office despite a stay order from a civil court and a case pending in the High Court. I personally brought this issue to the notice of the Inspector General of Stamps and Registration and other authorities but nothing was done. The authorities failed to cancel the sale deed and we ended up approaching police and honourable courts. The people, including a relative of a former minister, continue to sell residential sites," said Yatish M, a property owner.

The Karnataka Home Buyers Forum has welcomed the orders given by the IGR to empower sub registrars/district registrars to take actions against the fraud registrations happening at the sub registrar office as per section 82 and 83 of Registration Act.

"If the sub registrars do not take action, the IGR recommending the government to take action against such sub registrars is a good step towards controlling rampant corruption in the sub registrar offices. We expect sub registrars to follow this order and take actions against fraudulent registrations and initiate actions as per section 82 and 83 to file criminal cases against the frauds in police stations," said Dhananjaya Padmanabhachar, Sanchalak, Karnataka Home Buyers Forum.

Bangalore Mirror had published a story – Realty bites – on January 16, 2023, narrating how in a bizarre turn of events, an absolute sale deed was cancelled after five days of execution without the knowledge of the property owner. The deed was done at the sub-registrar office situated at Kacharakanahalli on November 5, 2022. The BM also published a story – Out of site, not out of mind – on January 7, 2019, about how an NRI couple found that their 50x80 sq ft site along Banaswadi-Hennur Road had been sold by someone impersonating them while they were out of India.

Brain Awareness Week at NIMHANS

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The Rohini Nilekani Centre for Brain and Mind (CBM) at the National Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences (NIMHANS) is gearing up for an insightful and engaging Brain Awareness Week from July 15 to July 21, 2024. This initiative, in collaboration with the Department of Mental Health Education at NIMHANS and the Rohini Nilekani Centre for Brain and Mind at the National Centre for Biological Sciences (NCBS), aims to bring the community together to learn about and discuss the importance of mental health.

Brain Awareness Week is a global campaign aimed at increasing public awareness of the progress and benefits of brain research. This annual event unites the efforts of organisations worldwide in promoting the importance of brain health.

The events are supported by the International Brain Research Organisation (IBRO) and the Dana Foundation Brain Awareness Week grant.

The week kicks off with "A Walk Through NIMHANS" on July 15, led by Dr Pratima Murthy, Senior Professor and Director of NIMHANS. This tour offers an insightful experience, guiding participants through the history and groundbreaking research of NIMHANS. Students will have the opportunity to interact with scientists, engage in activities, and visit the renowned Brain Museum. This event is closed to the public, ensuring an in-depth experience for the participants.

On July 17, at Atta Galatta in Indiranagar, Dr Sanjeev Jain, Emeritus Professor at NIMHANS, will present a book talk on "Mindscape and Landscape: An Illustrated History of NIMHANS." Dr. Jain, an eminent psychiatrist and author, will delve into the rich history of NIMHANS, providing a captivating overview of the institution's journey and its significant contributions to mental health research and care. Art enthusiasts can look forward to "Through the Looking Glass: Artistic Perspectives on Mental Health" on July 20, at the Neurobiology Research Centre, NIMHANS. This art exhibition will showcase compelling artworks, photographs, and microscopic images portraying mental illnesses, neuroscience, and the human brain. The same evening, the Bangalore International Centre in Domlur will host "Mental Health & Movies - The Good, The Bad & The Ugly." The week concludes with "Stories in Motion: Mental Wellness through Art and Narratives" by Dr. Ankit Dwivedi on July 21 at BIC. Dr Dwivedi, a professional storyteller and researcher, will lead an interactive workshop exploring mental health through engaging stories and more.

NASSCOM writes to CM over gig workers' bill

Raises concerns about 'onerous, prescriptive' obligations on aggregators

NASSCOM has written to the Karnataka government to give 45 days to conduct public consultation over the Karnataka Platform-based Gig Workers (Social Security and Welfare) Bill, 2024 (Bill).

NASSCOM has also requested a meeting of platform businesses operating in Karnataka, industry associations and other stakeholders along with the Department of Labour, Department of Electronics Information Technology Biotechnology and Science & Technology and Department of Commerce and Industries.

The Vice President & Head of Public Policy of NASSCOM, Ashish Agarwal has written to the Chief Minister Siddaramaiah in this regard.

"Typically, platform gig workers are not employees and as a result, they often lack access to social protection systems designed for employment relationships. Some contend that platform gig workers, despite being classified as independent contractors, face similar vulnerabilities and risks as traditional employees. Further, at times, the difference between gig work and regular employment (like, autonomy, and work instructions) may get blurry requiring closer examination. For instance, EU member states are debating a proposal to establish a legal presumption of employment in their legal systems, to be triggered when facts indicating control and direction are found," stated the open feedback issued by NASSCOM.

They also highlighted that India had designed welfare measures to support the platform gig workers under the Code on Social Security 2020 or is contemplating ensuring social protection of such gig workers.

NASSCOM contends difference between gig work and regular employment may get blurry at times

> **"The Bill does not give certainty whether the fee is to be calculated per transaction or on a turnover basis. It leaves the percentage to be decided through executive notifications** –Letter to CM

NASSCOM highlighted that when the central law under CoSS comes into place, the state laws are being formulated without the involvement of relevant stakeholders.

Criticising the Karnataka bill, NASSCOM noted that state law proposes a parallel central law and could lead to duplication. It also assumes that gig workers are part of an employer-employee relationship and risks disturbing the conceptual and legal basis of gig work itself. It also prescribes several obligations that are usually only present in employee-employer relationships.

Aggregators are required to provide a minimum notice period for termination, algorithmic disclosures, monitoring and tracking mechanism (Central Transaction Information and Management System) and laying down terms of template contracts with platform gig workers along with the power to review such contracts. These obligations are incompatible with the functioning of gig platforms, stated NASSCOM.

They also highlighted that the fee structure proposed which requires the aggregators to contribute to the funds could be akin to taxation. "The Bill does not provide certainty whether the fee is to be calculated per transaction basis or turnover basis. It is left at the discretion of the executive. Similarly, the Bill leaves the percentage to be decided through executive notifications." stated the letter to the Chief Minister.

They also added there is ambiguity over use of funds collected from the aggregators. The Bill does not have safeguards to ensure the funds collected from platforms are spent in a time-bound manner and only for social security schemes designed for gig platform workers in the state of Karnataka. **–Melvin Mathew**

Tributes pour in for Vastarey

Prominent TV presenter, host, and actor Aparna Vastarey was cremated on Friday. Renowned for her distinctive voice, she was the voice behind the Metro train announcements. In her honour, Metro broadcasted special announcements mourning her passing on Friday.

Vastarey, 57, had been battling lung cancer for the past two years and passed away on Thursday night. Vastarey was celebrated for her work as a presenter on DD Chandana and for hosting various government programs. Her impeccable Kannada diction earned her a devoted fan base. In 1998, she set a record by hosting shows for eight consecutive hours during Diwali. She debuted in cinema in 1984 with Puttanna Kanagal's final film, 'Masanada Hoovu,' and starred in numerous Kannada TV shows. She appeared on the Kannada reality TV show Bigg Boss and was beloved for her role in 'Majaa Talkies.'

HC breather to BSY

The High Court on Friday adjourned to July 26 hearing on a petition filed by former Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa seeking quashing of a POCSO case against him, and exempted the veteran BJP leader from personally appearing before a Bengaluru court in connection with the matter on July 15. The Fast Track Court 1 for POCSO Act cases here on July 4 issued summons to the 81-year-old to appear before it on July 15. The CID on June 27 filed a charge-sheet against him at the Fast Track Court. **–PTI**

Mutts of Cooke Town, in her art

Sakena Begg has sketched several street dogs of Cooke Town

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Sakena Begg, a 55-year-old accomplished art facilitator and ardent animal lover, is making a significant impact in her neighbourhood through her unique art initiative. Known for her passionate advocacy for animals, Sakena has combined her artistic talent with her love for animals to create 'Muttsindahood', a tribute to the street dogs of Cooke Town.

Sakena's journey began in November 2020, at the height of the pandemic. "As the world grappled with uncertainty, I found a way to contribute positively to the community. I started working with a local Animal Rescue Group, where I utilised art skills to draw, sketch, and paint the street dogs that roamed the neighbourhood. Using whatever art materials I had at home, I created a series of artworks that would soon become a collection aimed at raising funds for the rescue and rehabilitation of animals," she said.

The collection, titled 'Muttsindahood', features 75 unique pieces showcasing a diverse mix of street dogs, bulldogs, boxers, mixed breeds, and dachshunds. Each artwork is a heartfelt portrayal of the street dogs, most of which are rescues.

This exhibition is Sakena Begg's first in the city, in her career as an artist and animal rescuer. Alongside the original paintings and sketches, the exhibition offers limited edition prints, mugs, and postcards, allowing attendees to take a piece of her art home while supporting a worthy cause.

Sakena's dedication extends beyond the exhibition. She has pledged to create one sketch every day, continuing her mission to raise awareness and funds for animal rescue efforts. The An Art Tribute will be showcased on Saturday between 4-6 pm at Pearson Residency, Viviani Road.

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MONSOON BEAUTY

Monsoon is not complete till we spot a rainbow

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Sewage overflow continues to haunt lanes of Electronic City

Despite repeated complaints from residents, no solution

Residents of the Concorde Manhattans apartment complex on Neeladri Road, Electronic City Phase 1, are facing challenges due to an ongoing drainage crisis that has persisted for more than a year. Untreated sewage from nearby hotels and localities continues to overflow into the streets, causing significant disruptions and health risks.

This is due to an incomplete and obstructed drainage system. Concerned residents have been in regular contact with panchayat officials, Members of Legislative Assemblies, and town planning authorities, advocating for a permanent resolution to the issue. "Every day is a challenge," said one resident of Concorde Manhattans. "The roads are submerged in filthy water, making walking or driving extremely difficult. Motorcyclists splash this contaminated water on pedestrians, exacerbating the situation, especially during rainfall," they added. Some residents have reported sewage water entering their apartments and housing societies, posing serious health threats. Another resident added, "We have repeatedly requested the panchayat to clear the roads and clean the drains, but these efforts only provide temporary relief. The next day, the drains are clogged again, and sewage resurfaces on the streets."

> **"The roads are submerged in filthy water, making walking or driving extremely difficult. Motorists splash this water on pedestrians**
>
> – One of the residents

Pedestrians on Neeladri Road also face inconvenience due to haphazard parking

Residents attribute the root cause of the problem to improper wastewater disposal by nearby hotels and the incomplete drainage infrastructure. "The drainage system must be completed and linked to a central disposal system," urged a resident. "We are even prepared to raise funds to support this initiative, but we need decisive action from the authorities. As the monsoon season approaches, the situation is expected to deteriorate further as rainwater combines with sewage, exacerbating the crisis," added another resident.

— Hamsini C

DID YOU KNOW?

ANIMALS CAN ALSO BE ALLERGIC TO HUMANS

Typically, when a dog or a cat is allergic to humans, its reaction is similar to the way a human who is allergic to dogs or cats might react. Usually, a dog or cat that is experiencing an allergic reaction will scratch repeatedly at otherwise healthy-looking skin. This condition is called atopic dermatitis, more commonly known as eczema. In felines and canines, eczema can be brought on by human dander, which includes dead skin cells and hair. Pets that are allergic to human dander and share indoor spaces with people will encounter it everywhere, including from carpets and vents. Of the roughly 20% of dogs that have symptoms of allergies, about half exhibit allergies to human dander. And while atopic dermatitis is common in cats, less is known about how frequently it is caused by human contact.

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Let's see how much you know about Namma Bengaluru, folks. Tell us something incredible and mind-boggling about this beautiful city and our editors and researchers will check it out. If it's credible, we'll give it a shout-out, with your name and picture.

TAPTHECHATTER

where Bengalureans speak their mind

Tell me about a social or community initiative in Bangalore that you admire or actively participate in.

Fr.Gnana Prakash, BM Reader
In my opinion, the "Namma Ooru" initiative is a fantastic way to bring people together. I love how it teaches us to care for our environment and our community. It's about making our neighborhood a better place to live.

Geetha K, BM Reader
Every year, Loyola Degree College on BG Road organizes a heartwarming Christmas outreach program. Students either visit or invite underprivileged children, particularly orphans, to share meals and gifts.

Arul Kumar L, BM Reader
The Museum of Art & Photography (MAP) focuses on the accessibility of its art to everyone. The main aim of the museum is to exhibit, interpret, and preserve a growing collection of art and cultural artifacts.

Roshan, BM Reaer
The Akshaya Patra Foundation is a social initiative in Bangalore that I find particularly inspiring. This foundation is the world's largest NGO-run school meal program, serving over 1.8 million children daily.

Juwel Dang, BM Reader
ACCESS (Association for Community Care, Education, and Social Services) is a non-profit organization that works to rescue children who are exploited as laborers in Bangalore and provide education and health facilities.

Manu Kumar V, BM Reader
Unboxing BLR is an initiative where collaborate with multiple stakeholders' innovation ecosystem, cultural centres, government bodies, communities, and civil society to document and communicate Bangalore's journey.

SPEAK TO US

Which local festivals or events do you think showcase the vibrancy and unity of Bengalureans?

If you want to be featured in this section, mail us your answer to this question, in 25 words, with 'Tap The Chatter' in the subject line. Mail us with your name, occupation & a picture at WhatsApp us on 9591233247 or mybangaloremirror@timesofindia.com

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What to do if your personal info has been exposed in a data breach

BREACH BLOCK

Data breaches like the most recent one involving AT&T customers are becoming an almost regular occurrence.

As more of our lives move online, our personal data like email addresses, phone numbers, birthdates and even passcodes are becoming ever more vulnerable to theft or being mistakenly exposed.

In malicious breaches, cybercriminals can use stolen data to target people with phishing messages, or by taking out loans or credit cards in their name, a common and harmful type of identity theft.

Here are some tips to protect yourself

In the United States, there's no federal law compelling companies or organizations to notify individuals of data breaches, but it's standard practice for them to inform affected customers and often provide identity protection services, said Oren Arar, vice president of consumer privacy at cybersecurity company Malwarebytes.

The situation is better in the European Union, where the 27-nation bloc's privacy regulations require disclosure of certain types of breaches.

Even after a breach has been made public, cybersecurity experts say people need to remain vigilant. Be on guard for phishing and other social engineering attempts, in the form of emails or phone calls purporting to be from the hacked organization or someone offering help. Contact the company or organization involved to see if they can confirm it. But use their official website, smartphone app or social media channels - don't use links or contact details in any messages you've been sent.

Also consult the Federal Trade Commission's website for identity theft victims, identitytheft.gov, which provides step-by-step advice on how to recover from various scenarios.

If your data has been exposed, the first thing you should do is change your password for the account involved.

Use a strong password including letters, numbers and symbols. The longer the better - some experts say it should be 16 characters.

Make sure to add multifactor authentication, which adds a second layer of verification by requiring a code sent by text message or email, or inserting a USB authenticator key into your device.

And if you've been using the same or similar login information for multiple websites or online accounts, make sure to change it. The reason is that if hackers pilfer your password from one service, they can try it on your other accounts and easily get into all of them. If you find it too hard to memorize all your various credentials, consider a password manager.

"Just because your info shows up in a breach doesn't mean someone's stolen your identity or money. But it does mean you're at risk," said Arar. "That's why it's smart to watch your credit for new accounts, change any passwords that get leaked, use multifactor authentication, and have a separate 'junk' email for less important sign-ups."

Data breaches are rampant and it can be hard to keep track of them through individual notifications. There are online services that you can check, like Have I Been Pwned, a free website that shows if your email has been involved in a data breach.

Malwarebytes' Digital Footprint Portal does a similar job but it can also check whether your info has been posted on the dark web. **AP**

BITS & BYTES

RARE MALFUNCTION

A second-stage engine on SpaceX's Falcon 9 rocket suffered a rare malfunction in space during a routine Starlink mission on Thursday night, imperiling the satellites in the company's first rocket failure in more than seven years.

A Falcon 9 rocket lifted off from the Vandenberg Space Force Base at 10:35pm local time (02:35 GMT) Thursday to send 20 Starlink satellites into low-Earth orbit.

The rocket's second-stage engine carrying the payload reached space, but failed its second attempt to reignite to push the satellites to their intended orbit.

SpaceX CEO Elon Musk said the satellites were deployed into a lower orbit where they might not be able to pull themselves higher to compensate for the botched deployment, and could likely be pulled back into the atmosphere. **Reuters**

China's iSpace rocket fails soon after launch, losing 3 weather satellites

A Chinese rocket start-up has suffered yet another launch failure, resulting in the loss of three satellites as part of a commercial constellation being assembled for global weather forecasting and earthquake prediction.

Hyperbola-1 – a 24-metre (79ft) high solid-fuel rocket produced by iSpace – lifted off on Thursday from the Jiuquan Satellite Launch Centre in China's Gobi Desert.

"The rocket's first, second and third stages flew normally, but the fourth stage suffered an anomaly and the launch mission ended in failure," the company said, adding that the specific reasons for the failure would be announced as soon as possible after detailed investigations, the Hong Kong-based South China Morning Post reported on Friday.

The relatively small Hyperbola-1, which can deliver a 300 kg (661 pounds) payload into a 500 km (311 miles) sun-synchronous orbit, was carrying Yunyao-1 weather satellites 15, 16 and 17 for the Tianjin-based Yunyao Aerospace Technology company. The satellites did not reach orbit.

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Yunyao Aerospace Technology had planned to launch nearly 40 satellites this year to complete its 90-satellite Yunyao-1 constellation by next year, according to the Post report.

"Our constellation will break a foreign monopoly and provide high-resolution, high-precision, and all-scale weather monitoring and earthquake early warning services to Belt and Road Initiative countries," a Yunyao Aerospace representative told Tianjin Daily in January.

In 2019, iSpace became the first private rocket company in China to reach Earth orbit with Hyperbola-1. But since then, the rocket has failed on three consecutive occasions. Problems have ranged from a first-stage steering fin being damaged by falling insulation foam to a fuel leak in the altitude control system of the second stage.

Early this month a powerful Chinese rocket crashed after an "accidental launch" during a ground test due to structural failure, its company Space Pioneer said.

Space Pioneer, also known as Beijing Tianbing Technology, said that the Tianlong-3 rocket unexpectedly launched during a static-fire test at a facility in Gongyi county in Henan province on July 1.

The nine engines of the rocket, stated to be the most powerful in the country, were fired and lifted off because of a "structural failure at the connection between the rocket body and the test platform", the company said. **PTI**

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FARNAZ

BMRCL eyes two-tier flyovers at 4 more locations

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Concurrently, bids have been solicited from private firms to build the four double-decker flyovers under a public-private partnership (PPP) model, where costs will be shared between the government and private entities.

4 spots

A BMRCL official said, "A feasibility study is currently under way to evaluate the construction of double-decker flyovers along four specific corridors in Bengaluru. These corridors include JP Nagar 4th Phase to Hebbal spanning 29.20 km, Hosahalli to Kadabagere covering 11.45 km, Sarjapura to Ibbalur extending over 14.2 km, and Agara to Koramangala 3rd Block spanning 2.45 km. A private company has been commissioned to conduct this study, aiming to determine the technical and financial viability of implementing double-decker flyovers on these routes. The study will assess various aspects such as construction costs, traffic surveys, alignment considerations, and potential challenges related to land acquisition."

The feasibility study is slated for completion within three months, with the entire project anticipated to be finished within two years. Additionally, the government intends to extend the metro rail network to other city sectors, including the airport, and to establish a new metro line from Bengaluru to Hosur.

An official added, "These double-decker flyovers are envisioned to alleviate traffic congestion along upcoming metro routes. The comprehensive feasibility study will provide insights into the practicality of each project, highlighting key factors including the feasibility of construction within budgetary constraints, traffic flow analysis, optimal alignment design, and any anticipated hurdles in acquiring necessary land parcels. Upon completion of the study, the findings will be reviewed by both state and central governments for approval. Subsequently, if sanctioned, the BMRCL will proceed with the formulation of a Detailed Project Report (DPR) based on the study's recommendations."

Inauguration pending

Meanwhile, BMRCL has completed construction of double-decker road spanning 3.36 km from Ragigudda to Silk Board Junction, marking a first for South India. Despite the road being fully prepared for traffic, governmental approval for public access has not yet been granted. The project, initiated in 2017, has garnered significant public interest and mounting pressure for its immediate opening to alleviate traffic congestion in the area.

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Tribal Board case

SIT seized Rs 3.3 crore Lamborghini bought by key accused Varma

The Special Investigation Team (SIT) formed by the Karnataka government to probe the irregularities in the tribal welfare Board, seized a Lamborghini worth Rs 3.3 crore in Hyderabad, purchased by Satyanarayana Varma, a key accused in the case.

The SIT sleuths tracking the money trail from the Board to fake accounts, found that Satyanarayana Varma, who had been arrested in the case, had paid Rs 3.3 crore to the luxury car dealer.

The SIT sleuths traced and seized the car and returned it to the dealer. They also recovered the money, sources said.

According to sources, Satyanarayana Varma, who is named as accused number 13, had made allegations against the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) in a submission before the court.

He alleged that the CID was protecting the culprits and the officers were under pressure.

Satyanarayana Varma also told the court that after his arrest the authorities did not inform his family for four days.

He further requested the court to allow him to make a statement before it confidentially, in the absence of CID officers.

The submission was made when the CID produced him in court, sources revealed.

State BJP President, BY Vijayendra, had stated that Satyanarayana Varma had told the court that he was being threatened by the close aides of former Minister Nagendra.

"It is a serious charge. However the SIT has not dared to question former minister Nagendra to date," Vijayendra claimed.

The irregularities had come to light following the suicide of the Board's senior officer Chandrasekaran, who left a note referring to the role of a minister.

At present, SIT, CBI and ED are probing the case and the ED arrested former minister B. Nagendra on Friday morning.

Ex-minister Nagendra held, ED prepares to detain Chairman Daddal

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Friday arrested former minister B Nagendra in connection with irregularities in the Karnataka Maharshi Valmiki Scheduled Tribes Development Corporation Limited (KMVSTDC), sources confirmed.

Sources revealed that the ED is preparing to detain KMVSTDC Chairman and Congress MLA Basanagouda Daddal and his arrest is also likely soon.

Meanwhile, Nagendra, while being taken away by the ED sleuths from his residence, told the media that he did not know anything about the illegal money transfer.

However, he was not allowed to speak further to the media by the officers and was hustled into a waiting vehicle.

Reacting to the development, state BJP President, BY Vijayendra stated that the matter won't be confined to the arrest of Nagendra as big sharks were involved and they would be arrested as well.

For two months, the BJP had been demanding that the Special Investigation Team (SIT) formed by the state government issue a notice to Nagendra, he said.

"Rahul Gandhi turned Karnataka into an ATM. All these days they asked to produce evidence," Vijayendra maintained.

Earlier on Friday morning, Nagendra had been taken into custody by the ED at his Dollar's Colony residence in Bengaluru.

Former Karnataka Minister B Nagendra being taken into custody by the ED, in connection with a money-laundering probe

After 40 hours of investigation, raids and grilling, the ED officials had taken Nagendra into custody for further interrogation.

The ED had raided Nagendra's homes and office the previous day and for 40 hours, the officials did not allow the former minister and his family to leave their home and continuously questioned them.

Sources explained that Nagendra was uncooperative and claimed he had no clue about the irregularities in the Board.

Nagendra's PA Harish, who has also been in the ED's custody since Thursday has provided vital information about his involvement.

Harish's statement provided some evidence regarding the transfer of corporation funds to an account opened with false documents at Union Bank of India, sources stated.

Checking the bank's CCTV records also confirmed that Nagendra's PA Harish and KMVSTDC Chairman and Congress MLA Basanagouda Daddal visited the bank.

Bank officials in custody revealed details about the deal between them. Nagendra is accused of receiving hawala money and gold biscuits, and there is suspicion that transactions of over Rs 50 crore were made on his behalf.

The CBI is also conducting an investigation into the misappropriation case in the Board.

In addition to the residences of Nagendra and Daddal, the ED also raided the homes of three Union Bank staff members. The ED has seized significant documents, digital evidence regarding illegal fund transfers.

The SIT formed by the Karnataka government has arrested 11 people in connection with the scam including senior officers of the Union Bank of India, Board officials, middlemen and associates of Nagendra and Daddal.

The arrests were also made from Hyderabad city. —IANS

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MEMORY PALACE

People we like can influence connections our memory makes

Memory is so much more than a storage unit in our minds. The people involved in memories influence what we recall, and, as our study shows, the connections we make between memories.

Our memory helps us learn from experiences and develop new knowledge by integrating and updating information. This process goes beyond recalling individual events; it involves connecting elements from different experiences.

For example, reading about a local park cleanup by a political group in the newspaper and then noticing the park's cleanliness during a visit might lead you to credit that group. If you notice other parks in your city looking cleaner, you might assume the political group had something to do with that too. Memory can forge inferred connections beyond direct experiences.

Forming these connections is an adaptive process and enhances our knowledge quickly and flexibly. However, these mental shortcuts can sometimes lead to false inferences.

Our research investigated how a preference for certain groups of people influences our ability to make these inferential connections about the world. Previous studies have indicated that information from groups we like gives us better access to our memory. These groups can include anything from a football team or political party to a choir you sing in.

However, before our study, it was unclear whether this phenomenon extends to the brain's ability to connect information from different experiences to make inferences.

The distinction between liked and disliked groups was based on participants' own preferences. Our 189 participants were asked to create profiles of "teammates" and "opponents" by choosing faces for them and assigning attributes such as political orientation, eating habits, favourite sports and music preferences. They also completed a questionnaire to gauge how much they liked their teammates and opponents, responding to statements like "I would like to get to know this person better".

Participants then did a computer task involving a series of events set in various scenes, such as a park, and included everyday objects like an umbrella, presented by either a teammate or an opponent.

Following this learning phase, participants were asked to make inferences by linking the objects presented in the same scene. We observed that information presented by liked sources was more readily connected. Participants inferred the connections between the objects more accurately and with greater confidence. For example, connecting the two objects shown in the park was easier if the information was presented by a teammate.

This indicates that people may prioritise information differently based on the source's likeability.

Our data suggests that people may flag information from a distrusted or disliked source for cautious handling later, whereas they tend to trust information from a person or group they like. When liked or trusted people present information, participants focus on what is being presented rather than who is presenting it.

Understanding polarised minds

Our knowledge often develops from synthesising different pieces of information. Imagine you're in a new workplace. Even if you haven't seen everyone together, you start connecting people. When you meet Anna and Maria, and a few days later Maria and Emilia, you might infer that Maria and Emilia also work together.

If we aren't as good at synthesising memories involving disliked groups, it can hinder our ability to expand our knowledge base. Since information from liked sources tends to align with our beliefs, partisan divides may also shape the knowledge networks of a community. So, the cleanliness of a park is more likely to be attributed to a fundraiser by a favoured organisation rather than a disliked one. This phenomenon may extend across societal debates, including climate change, where your alignment with different groups influences the attribution of causes to events like forest fires.

The results of our study show that this tendency manifests even with neutral information. In real-world situations, where information is often contentious and elicits stronger reactions, these effects could be more pronounced. For example, deciding what new stories count as fake news.

Not only are people who trust the source of false information more likely to remember it, but they are also more able to use it to make new inferences about the world. The fake news can branch out into people's emerging knowledge.

It's currently unclear if raising awareness of these biases helps people integrate knowledge from different sources. Previous research suggests that simply making people aware of their biases doesn't necessarily stop them from affecting their behaviour. Future work will need to evaluate if the same holds true for the new bias revealed in our study.

Even when political divides are strong, people still identify with other groups, such as their hometown or nation. Emphasising these shared affiliations may make it possible to temporarily activate these identities and increase their influence over our thinking. While this won't diminish the importance of other identities, it can reframe who we consider part of our group. This reframing may enhance our ability to make less biased inferences based on new information.

Our study findings suggest that social polarisation between different groups can partly be explained in terms of basic cognitive functions. Social media posts are visible manifestations of polarisation, but the true battleground lies within people's brains.

(By Ines Bramao, Mikael Johansson, Lund University and Marius Boeltzig, University of Münster, The Conversation)

All you need to know about...

6 fat-burning foods

1 Oatmeal
Experts say that people who eat three or more daily servings of oats (or similar whole grains) have 10 per cent less belly fat.

2 Black Beans
Looking for a fat burning pill? Say hello to black beans. These are a great source of resistant starch that feeds the healthy bacteria in your gut and results in triggering the production of butyrate. Butyrate encourages the body to burn fat as fuel and reduces fat-causing inflammation.

3 Dark Chocolate
While chocolate is not a food you'd expect to see on a weight-loss list, research has found that the gut microbes in our stomach ferment chocolate and boost our body's production of gut-healthy polyphenolic compounds. One such compound is butyrate, a fatty acid that encourages the body to burn fat as fuel. While including dark chocolate in your diet, make sure you pick one which has 70 per cent or above of cacao content, as that has the highest concentration of antioxidant polyphenols.

4 Quinoa
Quinoa has the highest level of betaine, and studies have linked betaine to a faster metabolism and lesser fat production.

5 Eggs
It doesn't matter how you eat your eggs, the food is one of the best sources of choline, which is a major fat-burning nutrient and aids in loss of belly fat.

6 Almonds
We all know that almonds are a great source of protein, but they also have the ability to burn fats. Having a handful of almonds daily will aid in weight loss and higher fat metabolism. Apart from eating almonds as a snack, you can also shift to almond flour.

—Femina

RIP Shelley
Shelley Duvall, star of 'The Shining' and 'Nashville,' dies at 75. Duvall died Thursday in her sleep at home in Blanco, Texas; the cause was complications from diabetes, said her friend

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TOO CLOSE FOR COMFORT

Rashmika manages to evade small crowd of pushy fans

Actress Rashmika Mandanna is one of the most popular actresses today and a fan favorite. Fans frequently express their love and appreciation in the comments section of her posts, and Rashmika acknowledges their support. However, sometimes fans go overboard.

Just on Friday, the actress was leaving the airport when excited fans began to surround her, asking for selfies. It was evident that Rashmika felt awkward and uncomfortable, but she handled herself gracefully.

In a video, Rashmika initially appeared happy to see her fans and smiled as they took pictures. However, she gradually became uncomfortable as more fans gathered around her. One person even grabbed her arm to take a selfie, which greatly troubled her. Despite this, she remained calm and handled the situation with grace.

Some fans noticed her discomfort and formed a barrier around her to keep others at a distance. This gesture touched Rashmika, and she began to smile again.

On the work front, Rashmika last appeared in Sandeep Vanga Reddy's Animal alongside Ranbir Kapoor. She will next be seen in Anees Bazmee's film, tentatively titled Ek Saath Do Do, alongside Shahid Kapoor and will star in the long awaited 'Pushpa 2: The Rule' alongside Allu Arjun. — ETimes

With a vengeance

It seems actress Taapsee Pannu believes that "revenge is best served cold," but she's also open to working on it to "find inner peace," going by her recent post on social media. Taapsee took to Instagram and shared a quote in her stories section that read: "The best revenge is no revenge. Move on. Be happy. Find inner peace. Flourish." However, it was her own reflection that garnered attention. Directly below the quote, she wrote: "Hmmmmmm..... This will take a while to accept but ho jana chahiye."

The 36-year-old star is an avid user of social media, where she often shares her love for sarees.

Recently, on July 7, the actress channelled her inner poet as she posed in a pristine white saree.

On the professional front, Taapsee is gearing up for the second instalment of the romantic thriller 'Haseen Dilruba', titled 'Phir Aayi

Haseen Dillruba'. The film also stars Sunny Kaushal and Vikrant Massey, with the first part released in 2021.

Directed by Vinil Mathew, 'Haseen Dilruba' narrates the story of a young married woman who, being an ardent fan of thriller books, becomes a suspect in her husband's murder. — IANS

Boss lady

Actress Sonakshi Sinha, who is currently on a promotional spree for her new spooky comedy 'Kakuda', shared pictures from her new photoshoot on Friday, exuding major boss lady vibes. Taking to Instagram, Sonakshi, who has 28.3 million followers, posted a series of photos in which she is seen wearing a white shirt, a black blazer, and matching wide-legged trousers.

For her makeup, Sonakshi opted for a matte look with nude pink lips, winged eyeliner, thick brows, and perfectly contoured cheeks. Her hair is tied in a neat bun, and she accessorised the outfit with gold earrings and matching rings.

The diva also flaunted her big diamond wedding ring. In the caption, Sonakshi wrote: "You're not the boss of me... I am." Meanwhile, the supernatural comedy film 'Kakuda' stars Riteish Deshmukh as Victor, Sonakshi as Indira, and Saqib Saleem as Sunny in the lead roles, with Aasif Khan playing the pivotal role of Kilvish.

The film is a rollercoaster ride of laughter and chills, revolving around the cursed village of Ratodi. It features spine-tingling moments intertwined with side-splitting humour. — IANS

It can test your patience

INDIAN 2
3 RATING ★★★☆☆
- **DIRECTOR** S Shankar
- **ACTORS** Samal Haasan, Siddharth, Rakul Preet Singh, SJ Suryah, Bobby Simha, Vivek, Samuthirakani
- **Duration** 180 minutes
- **Certification** U/A

This film is a sequel to the film Indian that was made in 1996. Its run time is on par with the original. Director S Shankar tried his best to prove his mettle in handling the megaphone for movies that highlight corruption in society but ended up torturing the audiences with unwanted excesses, especially the chase scene (it is too cinematic and an embarrassment for the police) in the pre-intermission session that lasts more than 15 minutes.

The problem with the director is that he depends on graphics and picturesque locations rather than on the content and apt screenplay. It is difficult for the audiences to cope with the incongruous content. There is nothing, except a few emotional scenes between Samuthirakani and Siddharth, to boast about in the second half of the movie.

The movie is about a group of youths trying to expose corruption through their channel - Barking Dogs. Disappointed by the rampant corruption, the youths, led by Chitra Aravind (Siddharth), launch a campaign - Comeback Indian. They believe Veerasekaran Senapathi is alive somewhere and they want him to come back to eradicate corruption.

Meanwhile, Senapathi, who is in Taipei, replies to them through social media that he will come back to India. Inspired by Senapathi's vision and mission, the youths start to find out whether their relatives are corrupt. Chitra Aravind ends up helping police to arrest his father Varadarajan (Samuthirakani), an anti-corruption bureau officer. Senapathi also visits major cities in the country to kill the greedy businessmen, except anywhere in Karnataka, as if he has no information about corrupt people in the state. At the same time, the youths realise the damage done by them to their families. They demand Senapathi go back. What happens to Senapathi is what the movie Indian 2 is all about.

Kamal Haasan has acted well. Siddharth and Samuthirakani have outdone each other. Their performance is good in a few scenes, such as one where Siddharth feels guilty about not trusting Samuthirakani, and the other where Siddaharth is proud about helping police arrest Samuthirakani. Rakul Preet Singh has nothing to do except mouth a few dialogues in two to three scenes. Vivek, Bobby Simha, Delhi Ganesh provide good support.

It is worth a watch for hardcore Kamal Haasan fans.

—Y Maheswara Reddy

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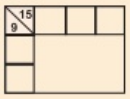

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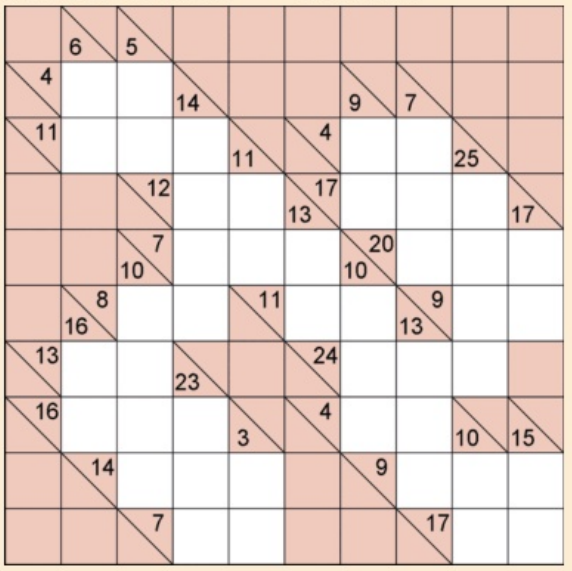

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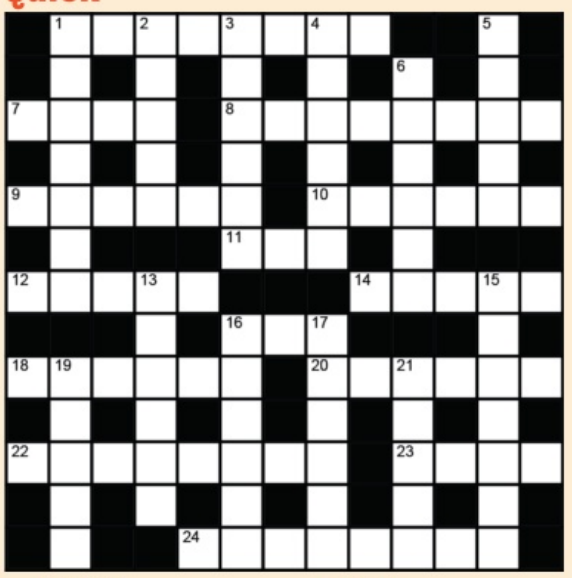

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1 Caught __ ___ : caught unprepared or unawares? (3,5)
7 Flavoursome plant (4)
8 Greek philosopher (8)
9 Manage with limited resources ? (4,2)
10 Societies or associations (6)
11 Exceed (3)
12 Investigation (5)
14 Undersized person (5)
16 ___ blood : ill-feeling ? (3)
18 Programme of business (6)
20 American Red Indian (6)
22 Authorised (8)
23 Sworn word (4)
24 Mexican savoury pie (8)

DOWN

1 Alfresco (4-3)
2 Short moral story (5)
3 Consequence, repercussion or result (6)
4 Get back (6)
5 Austere or grim (5)
6 Confirm or accept by formal consent (6)
13 Burglar, mugger or an outlaw (6)
15 M in M G Road (7)
16 Silver-white element (6)
17 Ali had changed to Bertie Worcester's aunt? (6)
19 Presents (5)
21 Distinctive smell (5)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: H EQUALS D

XMSFMX GXORQJP ZOPGQX, AMG VG HFU'G PGOL BMG OP JFUK OP GXMGT.

Linemaro

I'm attracted to you like the Earth is attracted to the Sun – with a large force inversely proportional to the distance squared

Mindchow

Genius begins great works; labour alone finishes them

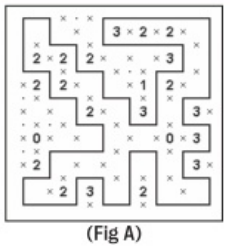
Joke of the day

Did you hear that reincarnation is making a comeback?

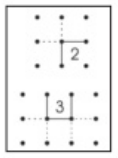
Loop

Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.



(Fig A)

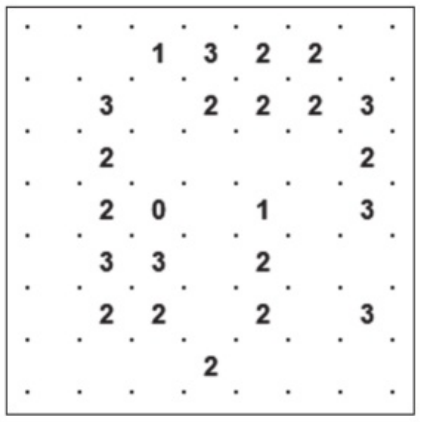


(Fig B) Not Allowed

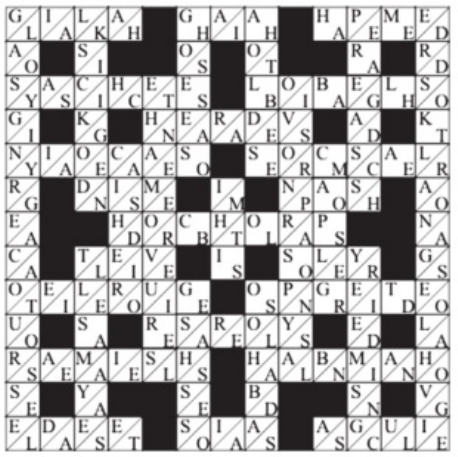
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



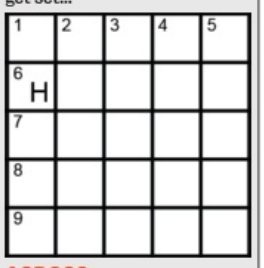
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

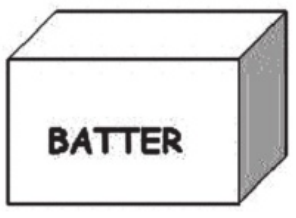
1 SS Lab; 6 H Lily; 7 Saint; 8 A bone; 9 PI Run

DOWN

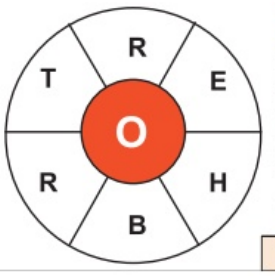
1 Bah us; 2 Lenin; 3 Tra-la; 4 In lib; 5 So spy

Mensapuzzle

Solve this brainbat



Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

09 Average; 10 Good; 12 Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

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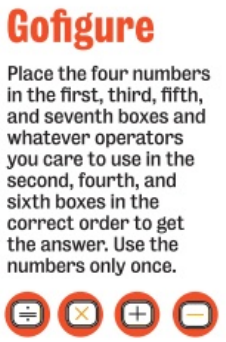
			9			3		
8		4				2		7
		6			4			
			4		5	7		
	4	1	3				8	
7		2		1			3	

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

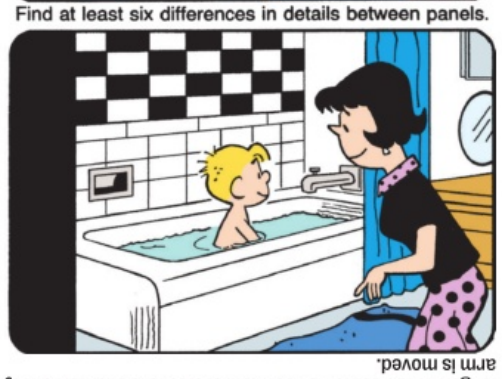
Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.



Hocusfocus

Find at least six differences in details between panels.



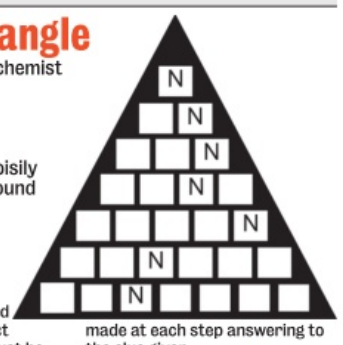
Differences: 1. Arm is lower. 2. Soap is missing. 3. Faucet is longer. 4. Tub corner is rounded. 5. Sleeve is shorter. 6. Boy's arm is moved.

Riddler

Your goal is to connect the first word with the last word by making compound words. Example: Ball, Game, Some, Time, Table, Ware, House (ballgame, gamesome, sometime, timetable, tableware, warehouse) Can you try? (number of letters) (first letter) (———— spaces of other letters) Low (4) D---(4) F---(3) O-- (4) S---(4) L---Shot

Alpha triangle

1 Nitrogen for the chemist
2 A's alternative
3 Outlaw
4 Cause of misery
5 Started
6 Struck or shut noisily
7 Dressing for a wound

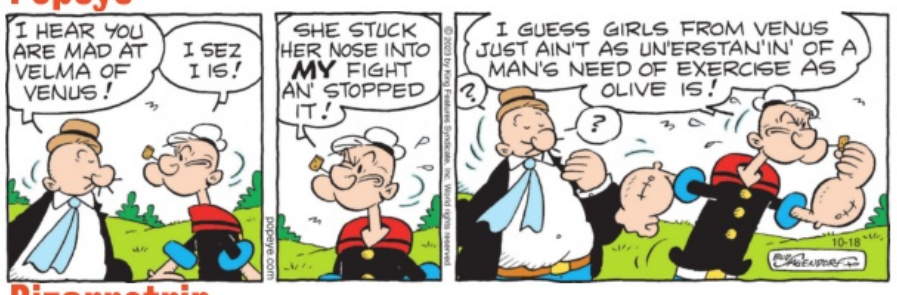


Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

COMICS

Popeye


I HEAR YOU ARE MAD AT VELMA OF VENUS!
I SEZ I IS!
SHE STUCK HER NOSE INTO MY FIGHT AN' STOPPED IT!
I GUESS GIRLS FROM VENUS JUST AIN'T AS UN'ERSTAN'IN' OF A MAN'S NEED OF EXERCISE AS OLIVE IS!
10-18

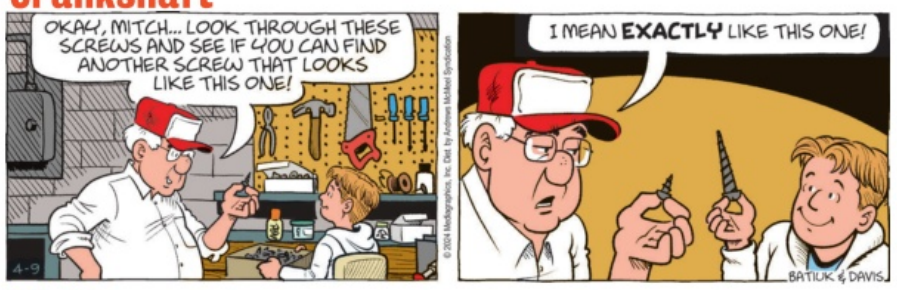
Bizarrotrip

Diamond Lil

Hart of the city

SOMETHING'S GOT TO BE DONE ABOUT THE POTHOLES.
NOTHING WORKS IN THIS CITY! THE LIBERTY BELL DOESN'T EVEN RING!
I DON'T THINK IT'S SUPPOSED TO RING.
THAT'S JUST BIG BELL CONVINCING YOU THAT NOTHING CAN CHANGE!

Crankshaft


OKAY, MITCH... LOOK THROUGH THESE SCREWS AND SEE IF YOU CAN FIND ANOTHER SCREW THAT LOOKS LIKE THIS ONE!
I MEAN EXACTLY LIKE THIS ONE!
BATIUK & DAVIS

Mutts

WHAT'S THAT, MOOCH?
I FOUND IT IN THE KITCHEN- I THINK IT'S A LITTLE SHMEDITATION CUSHION.
OM..
I THINK IT'S A PANCAKE COVERED IN MAPLE SYRUP.
MM...
THAT SHOULD GIVE ME SHOMETHING TO CONTEMPLATE.

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today, you may not feel better; old health issues may arise, and it may make you upset. It is advised to think twice before making any decision. You may make some wrong decisions due to impatience and hurry. It is advised that you should not keep money loose; otherwise, you may spend it on buying worthless stuff.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Today, you are blessed by the moon, which may make you happy. You may have made good gains in your past investments. You may be able to make quick decisions in terms of work. Which may give you good gains in the near future.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today, you may be busy at work, but with the help of your strong network, you may be able to implement your plans successfully. Your wisdom may help you gain profits from past investments. You may enjoy your romantic moments with your spouse, which will increase harmony in your domestic life. Lovebirds may enjoy their happy moments.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today, you are blessed by the moon, which may make you happy. Last week's crunch is now over. With the help of blessings, you may get reciprocation for your hard work. With the help of your subordinates, you may be able to initiate your postponed work. There are some gains in your business that may boost your finances.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today, you may feel dull, and you may have some health issues. You are advised to postpone making investments in the business. It is also advised not to start a new venture. You are likely to face losses in the business. Your gains may likely be converted into losses.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today, you may be enthusiastic; this may speed up your project. You may be able to make quick decisions, which will increase your business. You may likely start a new innovation in partnership. Investments in fixed assets with the business partner are not advised.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today, you are blessed by a positive moon. You may feel healthy, and old health issues may be cured now. Your money, which was stuck somewhere, may likely be recovered now. You may also apply for a loan to buy some stuff related to luxury.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today, you are blessed by the moon. It may give you confidence, so you may be able to make important decisions confidently. You are also decisive, so you may grab the opportunity without a second thought. You may also plan for higher studies; you may meet with some intellectuals and exchange views with them.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today, you may be able to complete a difficult task very easily, which may boost your confidence level. Your past investments may have yielded good gains. You are advised to avoid arguments on worthless topics; it may waste your precious time. You are also advised to control your spending on worthless things.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today, you may feel energetic. You may perform efficiently at work; your hard work may be rewarded now, which may boost your confidence. Property-related disputes with the siblings are likely to be resolved now. Your meeting with an influential person may boost your network. You may also expect some short trips.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today, you are blessed by the moon, which may make you happy. You are likely to get a big order with the help of your communication skills. You are polite with the people around you, which may increase your respect. You may make some difficult business decisions with the help of your colleagues.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today, you are blessed by the moon. It is a good day, if you have good vitality, you may enjoy work. You may have some romantic moments with your spouse, which may improve domestic harmony. You are likely to make new plans to start some new project, and your perfection may help you design the flowchart. Job seekers will find a suitable job. Lovebirds are advised to avoid discussions on worthless topics.

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SOLUTIONS

SOLVE IN 1M
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-384(5)+3=
-1920+3=
-1917

BULL'S EYE
bore, borer, both, bother, broth, BROTHER, hero, other, robe, rote, throb, tore

FAST FIVE

S	L	A	B	S
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B	E	A	N	O
U	N	R	I	P

STRIKE OUT

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MENSA PUZZLE
batter's box

RIDDLER
Low, Down, Fall, Out, Slide, Long, Shot (Lowdown, downfall, fallout, outside, sidelong, longshot)

QUOTE UNCODE
Rumour travels faster, but it don't stay put as long as truth.

SUDOKU

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9	8	3	4	6	5	7	2	1
5	4	1	3	7	2	6	8	9
7	6	2	8	1	9	5	3	4

ALPHA TRIANGLE
N, An, Ban, Bane, Began, Banged, Bandage.

GO FIGURE
Easy
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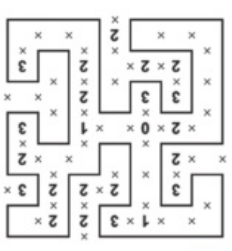
Medium
5 x 4 / 5 x 5 = 20
Hard
7 / 7 x 6 – 2 = 4

LOOP



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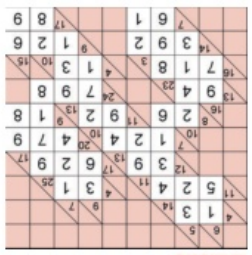

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